(ख) राजस्थान के गंगापुर शहर, करौली, हिन्डोन, टोडाभीम, मडौती, बोली और सपोटरा शहरों को ऐसे मानदंडों और नीतियों के तहत न लाए जाने के क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) इन शहरों को एस.टी.डी. से कब तक जोड़े जाने की संभावना है ?

**संचार मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री (श्री पी०वी० रंगैया नायडू)** : (क) आठवीं योजना अवधि के दौरान शहरों और गांवों को एस.टी.डी. सेवाओं के साथ जोडने के लिए निम्नानुसार मानदंड और नीतियां रखी गई हैं तथा पहले उल्लिखित मदों पर अधिक बदल दिया जाएगा :

(i) सभी शेष जिला मुख्यालय ।

(ii) सभी उप मंडलीय मुख्यालय ।

(iii) सभी तहसील मुख्यालय ।

(iv) सभी पर्यटन केंद्र, औद्योगिक केंद्र तीर्थ स्थान ।

(v) सभी अन्य एक्सचेंज ।

(ख) राजस्थान के गंगापुर शहर, करौली, हिंडौन, टोडाभीम, नादौती, बोली और सपोतरा को एस.टी.डी. से जोडने की दृष्टि से मानदंडों के अनुसार योजना बनाई गई है और इस पर बल दिया जा रहा है ।

(ग) गंगापुर शहर, करौली और हिंडौन में एस.टी.डी. सुविधा 1992–93 और अन्य स्थानों पर 1993–94 के दौरान प्रदान करने की आशा है ।

**Post offices in Bihar**

3699. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what criteria is followed by the Government in opening post offices in urban and rural areas, separately of the country;

(b) the number of villages, in the State of Bihar which fulfil the criteria prescribed by Government, are without post offices at present with details thereof; and

(c) by when Government propose to provide Post Offices in all such villages of Bihar?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The criteria followed for opening new post offices in urban and rural areas are given in the enclosed Statement (*see* below).

(b) and (c) It is not feasible to state the number of villages in Bihar which fulfil the criteria for opening new post offices as only a limited number of proposals are examined at a time depending upon the targets fixed for opening new post offices under the successive Annual Plans.

For the year 1992-93, it is proposed to open 70 branch post offices and 8 departmental sub post offices in Bihar subject to fulfilment of the prescribed income, distance and population norms.

There is, however, no proposal at present for opening post offices in all the villages of Bihar.

**Statement**

*Criteria/Norms fixed for opening new post offices in rural/urban areas.*

The following norms for opening branch post offices effective from 1.4.1991 have been adopted.

(i) *Population*:

(a) *In Normal areas*:

3000 population in a group of villages (including the PPO villages).

(b) *In the Hilly, Tribal, Desert and Inaccessible areas*:

500 population in an individual villages or 1000 population in a group of villages.

(ii) *Distance*:

(a) *In normal areas*:

The Minimum distance from the nearest existing post office will be 3 Kms.

(b) *In Hilly, Tribal, Desert and Inaccessible areas*:

The distance limit will be the same as above except that in hilly areas, the minimum distance limit can be relaxed by the Directorate in cases where such relaxation is warranted by special circumstances which should be clearly explained while submitting a proposal.

(iii) *Anticipated income*:

(a) *In normal areas*:

The minimum anticipated revenue will be 33 1/3 per cent of cost.

(b) *In hilly tribal, desert and Inaccessible areas*:

The minimum anticipated income will be 15 per cent of the cost.

*Departmental Sub Post Offices (Plan)*

Since November, covers departmental sub post offices are also sanctioned under the Plan Scheme subject to the following conditions.

(i) The scheme covers departmental sub offices to be set up in project areas, new industrial estates/townships|satellite colonies developed in the periphery of cities/urban agglomerations and other similar developments which have come up in new areas in pursuance of the plan activities of State and Central Government departments and agencies. In other words, the concept of Postal sector plan to be enlarged to cover the postal infrastructure required for the overall National Plan.

(ii) The proposed sub offices should have a minimum anticipated work-load of 5 hours per day.

(iii) While departmental sub offices are subjected to be financial self-supporting, in rural areas a loss up to Rs. 2400/- per annum is allowed (Rs. 4800|- in hilly|backward/tribal areas.

*Departmental sub post offices (Non Plan)*

Post offices in urban areas are opened subject to the following conditions:—

(i) Initially the post offices should be self-supporting but at the time of the first annual review it should show a 5 per cent profit to be eligible for further retention.

(ii) The minimum distance between two post offices is now raised to 1-5 Kms. in cities with a population of 20 lakhs and above and 2 Kms. in other urban areas.

(iii) No extra departmental post offices will be opened in future in urban areas.

**Telephone and Dak Adalats in Bihar**

3700. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) number of telephone and dak adalats held in different parts of the State of Bihar during the last three years;

(b) the number of cases in each of the adalats that decided in the State during the said period;

(c) whether Government propose to hold more telephone and dak adalats in Bihar in the near future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No. of Telephone and Dak Adalats held in Bihar are:

(i) *Telephone Adalats*

| | |
|---|---|
| 1989-90 | 1 |
| 1990-91 | 7 |
| 1991-92 | 9 |

(ii) *Postal Adalats*

| | |
|---|---|
| 1990-92 | 7 |